

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

JEROME COOK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,

Defendants.

8:19CV527

**THIRD AMENDED FINAL
PROGRESSION ORDER**

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Plaintiff's unopposed Motion to Amend Scheduling Order. ([Filing No. 60.](#)) The motion is granted. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the provisions of the Court's previous Final Progression Orders remain in effect, and in addition to those provision, progression shall be amended as follows:

- 1) The trial and pretrial conference will not be set at this time. The status conference presently scheduled for September 23, 2021 is canceled. The status conference to discuss **case progression, the parties' interest in settlement, and the trial and pretrial conference settings** will be held with the undersigned magistrate judge on **March 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.** Counsel shall use the conferencing instructions assigned to this case to participate in the conference. ([Filing No. 17.](#))

- 2) The deadlines for identifying expert witnesses expected to testify at the trial, (both retained experts, ([Fed. R. Civ. P. 26\(a\)\(2\)\(B\)](#)), and non-retained experts, ([Fed. R. Civ. P. 26\(a\)\(2\)\(C\)](#)), are:

For the plaintiff(s):

December 13, 2021

For the defendant(s):

February 10, 2022

- 3) The deadlines for complete expert disclosures¹ for all experts expected to testify at trial, (both retained experts, ([Fed. R. Civ. P. 26\(a\)\(2\)\(B\)](#)), and non-retained experts, ([Fed. R. Civ. P. 26\(a\)\(2\)\(C\)](#)), are:

For the plaintiff(s):

December 13, 2021

For the defendant(s):

February 10, 2022

Plaintiff's rebuttal:

March 3, 2022

¹ While treating medical and mental health care providers are generally not considered "specially retained experts," not all their opinions relate to the care and treatment of a patient. Their opinion testimony is limited to what is stated within their treatment documentation. As to each such expert, any opinions which are not stated within that expert's treatment records and reports must be separately and timely disclosed.

- 4) The deposition deadline, including but not limited to depositions for oral testimony only under Rule 45, is **April 11, 2022**.
 - a. The maximum number of depositions that may be taken by the plaintiffs as a group and the defendants as a group is 12.
 - b. Depositions will be limited by Rule 30(d)(1).
- 5) The deadline for filing motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment is **May 11, 2022**.
- 6) The deadline for filing motions to exclude testimony on *Daubert* and related grounds is **May 23, 2022**.
- 7) The parties shall comply with all other stipulations and agreements recited in their Rule 26(f) planning report that are not inconsistent with this order.
- 8) All requests for changes of deadlines or settings established herein shall be directed to the undersigned magistrate judge. Such requests will not be considered absent a showing of due diligence in the timely progression of this case and the recent development of circumstances, unanticipated prior to the filing of the motion, which require that additional time be allowed.

DATED this 15th day of September, 2021.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Susan M. Bazis
United States Magistrate Judge